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TOWN OFFICERS

Representative
D. Everett Palmer

Moderator
John W. York

Supervisors of Check List
Leavitt Brown — Charles Eastman — John Robinson

Town Clerk
Horace O. Evans

Selectmen
George I. Armstrong — John W. York — Otis H. Eastman

Treasurer
Gertrude Evans Steeves

Tax Collector
John R. Malloy

Highway Agents
C. Sumner Card — Granville Gilmore — Melvin Armstrong

Auditors
Howard Blake — Howard C. Eastman

Trustees of Public Library
Dorothy Card — Elsie Beckman — Edith Prescott

Trustees of Trust Funds
George Prescott — Karl Mobbs — Rodney Colby

Board of Education
Louis F. Strout — Beatrice I. Palmer — Edith Prescott

School Treasurer
Dorothy R. Card

Constables
Laurence E. Bailey — Louis Strout

Fire Warden
Horace O. Evans

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Kensington, N. H., in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Kensington, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the amounts required to be raised for highway purposes under Chapter 67 of the Public Laws of 1937. Town to raise $597.00. State to give $1,194.00. Total, $1,791.00. Money to be expended on East and Lamprey Roads. Roads to be maintained by Towns:

Or: Optional—

Nothing in the above Act shall prevent a Town from receiving at their option, aid for the construction of their Class V highways. Town to raise $217.02. State to give $868.10.

4. To raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for Memorial Day.

5. To raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the Public Library.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of. $175.00 for resurfacing the road from the residence of Alvah Brewer up Blodgett's Hill.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 to purchase six fire extinguishers from the State.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for Welfare Aid.

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to fix and paint the Cemetery Fence.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for Old Age Assistance for the ensuing year.

11. To see what action the Town wishes to take regarding W. P. A. projects and authorize Selectmen to procure same.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to install a Culvert across Austin's Brook.

13. To see if the Town will vote to grant a discount on taxes paid in full on or before .....

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and renew and refund town notes.

15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by the Town through non-payment of taxes, or administer it to the best of their ability.

16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to closing the following roads:

a. Dearborn Road
b. Beaver Dam Road
c. Osgood Road from Osgood's House to Sanborn's Corner
d. Moulton Ridge Road from the residence of Edward Hutchinson to the residence of A. T. York
e. Round Hill Road from the residence of G. I. Armstrong to the Osgood Road.

17. To see what action the Town will take regarding Outstanding Notes.

18. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Contingent Fund.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord ninenteen hundred and thirty-eight.

JOHN W. YORK,
OTIS H. EASTMAN,
GEORGE I. ARMSTRONG,

Selectmen of Kensington.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOHN W. YORK,
OTIS H. EASTMAN,
GEORGE I. ARMSTRONG,

Selectmen of Kensington.

Town Budget

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year February 1, 1937 to January 31, 1938, Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year February 1, 1937 to January 31, 1938.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year	Decrease
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax.....	$26.76	$26.76	
Railroad Tax.....	17.36	17.36	
Savings Bank Tax.....	120.47	120.47	
Reimbursement from State for Relief.	173.69	50.00	$123.69
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Rent of Town Hall and other Buildings	10.00	10.00	
Int. Received on Taxes and Deposits..	130.22	130.22	
Interest on Tax Sales.....	49.18	49.18	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees.....	475.49	475.49	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes.....	354.00	354.00	
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes.....	10.00	10.00	
(c). Dog Taxes.....	97.80	97.80	
(d) Overpaid at bank.....	.20		.20
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
For South Road S.A.C.....	2,500.00		2,500.00
$1,000.00; $1,000.00; $500.00 bonds			
Notes.....	4,250.00		
Cash on Hand (Surplus).....	1,501.07	1,161.67	339.40
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES.....	$9,716.07	$6,752.95	$7,123.89
**Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes*....	$10,243.84	$12,308.15	
TOTAL REVENUES.....	$20,959.91	$19,061.10	$7,123.89

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenace Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries...	$587.98	$557.73		
Town Officers' Expenses..	436.63	436.63		
Election and Registration Expenses.....	36.00	60.00	$10.00	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings..	137.68	75.00		$62.68
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Fire Department.....	66.00	66.00		
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Maintenance.....	1,042.14	1,042.14		
General Expenses of Highway Department.....	418.88	418.88		
Abatement.....	15.75			15.75
Libraries:				
Libraries.....	200.00	200.00		
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor.....	511.98	500.00		11.98
Old Age Assistance.....	386.42	500.00	114.58	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations.....	70.70	75.00	4.30	
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries.....	99.50	99.50		
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans....	120.86	100.00		20.86
On Bonded Debt.....	37.50	37.50		
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Construction.....	583.00	275.00		308.00
State Aid Construction—Town's Share.....	2,614.88	597.00		2,017.88
W. P. A.....	937.54	600.00		

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year	Increase	Decrease
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
(a) Bonds.....		$1,000.00	$1,000.00	
(b) Long Term Notes.....	$4,250.00			
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State Taxes.....	1,024.00	768.00		$256.00
County Taxes.....	1,432.47	1,432.47		
Payments to School Districts.....	5,950.00	5,950.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$20,659.91	$19,061.10	$1,141.88	$3,030.69

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY

Land and buildings	$335,920.00
Electric plants	12,500.00
Horses, 65	6,885.00
Cows, 285	14,105.00
Neat stock, 22	1,035.00
Fowls, 703	549.75
Foxes, 59	2,065.00
Wood and lumber	30,075.00
Mills	650.00
Machinery	250.00
Pumps	700.00
Stock in trade	1,000.00
	$405,979.25
Soldiers' exemptions	7,000.00
	$398,979.25

Polls, 269	$538.00
Property tax	12,570.58
Bank tax	10.00
Railroad tax	16.46
Savings bank tax	134.05
Interest and dividends	26.58
Automobile permits	500.00
Total	$13,995.67

Appropriations

Contingencies	$1,000.00
Town construction	600.00
Town charges	800.00
Libraries	200.00
Relief	500.00
Old Age assistance	500.00
W. P. A. project	700.00
Schools	5,542.07
State tax	1,042.00

County tax	$1,432.47
Town ¼ of 1%	997.44
	$13,370.98
Plus overlay	424.69
Total tax levy of 1937 in warrant	$13,795.67

Amount committed to collector	$12,570.58
Automobile permits	500.00
Savings bank tax	134.05
Interest and dividends tax	26.58
Railroad tax	16.46
Poll taxes	538.00
National Bank tax	10.00
	$13,795.67

Assets

Cash on hand	$1,161.67
Uncollected taxes 1937	4,726.90
Uncollected taxes 1936	101.22
Secured by tax sale 1936	101.87
Secured by tax sale 1935	85.55
Secured by tax sale 1934	59.85
	$6,237.06

Liabilities

Dog licenses due schools	$10.00
Due schools, balance of appropriation	2,913.52
Exeter Banking Co	2,000.00
Due Myrtle Carter for gravel on Beckman appropriation	17.90
	$4,941.42

Amount of assets over liabilities	$1,295.64

Town Clerk's Report

Dog License Account

Dr.

1937 received for 2 female dogs at $5.00	$10.00
1937 received for 48 male dogs at $2.00	96.00
1938 received for 1 male dog at $2.00	2.00
	$108.00

Cr.

Fees 51 at 20 cents each	$10.20
Paid Town Treasurer	97.80
	$108.00

Auto Permits

1937 received for permits	$475.49
Paid Town Treasurer	$475.49

HORACE O. EVANS,

Town Clerk.

Tax Collector's Report

JOHN R. MALLOY, TAX COLLECTOR

Balance of Account 1936 Taxes

Dr.

Property taxes to collect	$4,788.61
Poll taxes to collect, 67	134.00
Interest collected	127.90
Interest and expense of tax sale	31.89
	$5,082.40

Cr.

Property taxes collected	$4,554.02
Poll taxes collected, 39	78.00
Abatements property	00.00
Abatements poll, 11	22.00
Uncollected property tax	101.22
Uncollected poll tax, 17	34.00
Interest collected	127.90
Collector's sale of 1936 property	133.37
Interest and expense of tax sale	31.89
	$5,082.40

Total tax levy of the year 1937 in Warrant	$13,121.98

Dr.

Property taxes to collect	$12,571.98
Poll taxes to collect, 270	540.00
Bank stock	10.00
Interest collected to date January 31, 1938	2.32
	$13,124.30

Cr.

Property taxes collected	$7,625.59
Poll taxes collected, 138	276.00
Bank stock	10.00
Discounts	163.42

Abatement property	$56.07
Abatements poll, 20	40.00
Uncollected property taxes	4,726.90
Uncollected poll taxes, 112	224.00
Interest collected to date Jan. 31, 1938	2.32
	$13,124.30

Collected interest on tax sales	$49.18
Collected tax sales redeemed	225.93
	$275.11

Abatements

1936 *Poll Tax*

Ada G. Beckman, poll	$2.00
George Beckman, poll	2.00
Nellie M. Brewster, poll	2.00
Ida M. Blaney, poll	2.00
William O. Bean, poll	2.00
Margaret George, poll	2.00
Irene W. Garmelian, poll	2.00
Ernest D. Lord, poll	2.00
Margaret T. Lord, poll	2.00
Mila M. Robinson, poll	2.00
Alvira O. Smith, poll	2.00
	$22.00

1937 *Property Tax*

Granville A. Gilmore, over taxed	$1.58
William T. Keete, over taxed	1.58
Leonard B. Miller, over taxed	9.45
Annie M. Philbrick, over taxed	.94
Mila M. Robinson, exemption	25.20
Estate of Gardner Gilman, the same taxed in 1937 to the Town of Hampton Falls	1.57
Minnie J. Creighton, over taxed	15.75
	$56.07

1937 *Poll Tax*

Andrew G. Anderson, not taxable	$2.00
George W. Bartlett, not taxable	2.00
Anna L. Crowell, poll	2.00
Annie Ducharme, poll	2.00

Margharita Dunton, poll	$2.00
Mary E. Groetz, not taxable	2.00
John A. Groetz, not taxable	2.00
Irene W. Garmelian, poll	2.00
George W. Johnson, not taxable	2.00
Anna M. Lamprey, poll	2.00
Gertrude F. Lamprey, poll	2.00
Leonard B. Miller, Jr., poll	2.00
Lucy P. Prescott, poll	2.00
Carrie E. Robie, not taxable	2.00
Helen D. Shunk, poll	2.00
Alvira O. Smith, poll	2.00
William H. Steeves, poll	2.00
Greta J. Seaberg, poll	2.00
Nellie E. Towle, not taxable	2.00
Ruby G. Sawyer, poll	2.00
	$40.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand February 18, 1937.....		$1,501.07
Received from John R. Malloy, Tax Collector:		
Property tax, 1936.....	$4,554.02	
Property tax, 1937.....	7,625.59	
Poll tax, 1936	78.00	
Poll tax, 1937.....	276.00	
Interest on taxes, 1936.....	127.90	
Interest on taxes, 1937.....	2.32	
Interest on tax sales.....	49.18	
Tax sales redeemed.....	225.93	
Bank tax.....	10.00	
		$12,948.94
Received from F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer:		
Reimbursement for relief expenditures	$173.69	
Railroad tax.....	17.36	
Savings Bank tax.....	120.47	
Interest and Dividend tax.....	26.76	
		$338.28
Received from Horace O. Evans, Town Clerk:		
Auto permits, 1937.....	$475.49	
Dog tax, 1937.....	96.00	
Dog tax, 1938.....	1.80	
		$573.29
Received from other sources:		
The Exeter Banking Co., notes.....	$6,750.00	
Louis F. Strout, rent of Town Hall...	10.00	
C. Sumner Card, overpaid by bank...	.20	
		$6,760.20
		$22,121.78
Paid by order of Selectmen.....		20,960.11
Balance on hand February 23, 1938.....		$1,161.67

GERTRUDE EVANS STEEVES,

Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Salaries	$587.98
Town Officers' Expenses	436.63
Election and Registration	36.00
Town Hall Expenses	137.68
Fire Department	66.00
Town Maintenance	1,042.14
General Highway Expense	418.88
Library	200.00
Town Poor	511.98
Old Age Assistance	386.42
Memorial Day	70.70
Care of Cemeteries	99.50
Interest on Temporary Notes	120.86
Interest on Bonds	37.50
State Aid Construction	2,614.88
Special Road Appropriation	583.00
W. P. A. Project	937.54
Payment on Temporary Notes	4,250.00
State Tax	1,024.00
County Tax	1,432.47
School Districts	5,950.00
Abatements	15.75
Total Payments	$20,959.91

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

Town Officers' Salaries

A. B. Hubbard, auditor	$10.00
Howard A. Blake, auditor	10.00
John Robinson, supervisor	9.00
H. E. Dickinson, auditing 1936 books	10.00
Horace O. Evans, 50 auto permit fees	12.50
Leavitt Brown, supervisor	9.00
George I. Armstrong, selectman	50.00
Otis Eastman, selectman	50.00
John W. York, selectman	90.00
John W. York, moderator	4.00
Horace O. Evans, town clerk	50.00
Charles R. Eastman, supervisor	9.00
Gertrude Evans Steeves, treasurer	50.00
John R. Malloy, tax collector	194.23
Horace O. Evans, auto permit fees	30.25
Total	$587.98

Town Officers' Expenses

Edson C. Eastman Co.	$ .68
Whittier Press, printing 1937 reports	120.25
Baker Agency, bond for town treasurer	10.00
Baker Agency, bond for town clerk	5.00
Whittier Press, supplies	7.60
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	10.40
John Green, copying title transfers	4.60
Edith Prescott, making out inventories	20.00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	12.42
Elwell's Insurance, bond for tax collector	10.00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	9.12
Exeter News Letter, printing check lists	12.00
Sargent Brothers, printing special tax bills	2.25
E. H. Quimby, adding machine	55.00
W. P. Garrison Publishing Co., supplies	3.75
Leavitt Brown, expenses as supervisor	1.50
George I. Armstrong, expenses	10.00
Otis H. Eastman, expenses	10.00
Gertrude Evans Steeves, expenses	14.32
John W. York, telephone, postage and expenses	20.00
John W. York, expense W. P. A.	12.00
John W. York, welfare expense	25.00
John W. York, state aid construction expense	10.00
Horace O. Evans, telephone, postage and expense	3.94
Batchelder & Wheeler, professional services	27.20
John R. Malloy, expense attending tax collector's meeting and assessors' meeting	7.50
John R. Malloy, telephone expense	2.10
John R. Malloy, two trips to Concord	10.00
Total	$436.23

Election and Registration Expense

Whittier Press, printing town warrant	$2.25
Melvin Armstrong, ballot clerk	3.00
George O. Osgood, gatekeeper	3.00
Kensington Ladies' Aid Society, dinners for election day officials	5.00
Eva Florence Scott, ballot clerk	3.00
G. J. Shaw, ballot clerk, 1936 primary	3.00
Amesbury Publishing Co., ballots for town meeting	7.75
J. Fred Ferrin, gatekeeper	3.00
Exeter News Letter, printing check list	1.00
L. Strout, special town meeting	2.00
Alfred Groetz, ballot officer	3.00
Total	$36.00

Town Hall Expenses

Herbert L. Eastman, wood	$16.00
Louis F. Strout, janitor	7.00
Kimball Hardware Co., supplies	7.80
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	15.88
George A. Prescott, insurance	25.00
Robert Sawyer, refinishing ceiling	35.00
Harold Dickinson, washing windows, cleaning paint and fixing stove	21.00
C. Sumner Card, wood	10.00
Total	$137.68

General Expense of Highway Department

Oscar Gove, road equipment	$7.40
Amesbury Hardware Co., shovels	9.75
W. A. Young, shovels	3.50
Horace O. Evans, removing snow fence	11.00
L. Strout, removing snow fence	4.13
M. Armstrong, trip to highway meeting	5.00
Alfred Jordan, cutting bushes	18.00
George Beckman, cutting bushes	6.00
State Highway Garage, tile on Sanborn Hill	17.20
John Blake, Brewster Bridge	17.30
Melvin Armstrong, cutting bushes	4.20
Horace O. Evans, hauling plank for Brewster Bridge and spikes	1.97
Louis Strout, putting up snow fence	7.50
Granville Gilmore, washout	1.88
Ambrose Groetz, washout	6.00
Henry Brown, gravel	.40
H. O. Evans, putting up snow fence	18.00
R. G. Watkins, snow removal	254.00
Exeter Lumber Co., tile on Stumpfield	11.25
Exeter Lumber Co., plank on Brewster Bridge	17.40
Total	$414.88

Town Poor

Moody's Cash store	$15.57
London's Dry Goods	11.00
Thompson's Drug Store	3.00
Herbert Eastman, wood	40.00
Esther Warner, provisions	77.50
Everett Palmer, provisions	18.50
William Card, provisions	1.50
Frank L. Judkins, funeral	175.00

Everett Palmer, provisions	$4.00
Denman S. Richards, care of tramp	1.75
Esther Warner, provisions	33.00
Everett Palmer, provisions	4.00
Esther Warner, provisions	6.00
Joseph Clark, medical	5.00
Joseph Clark, medical	10.00
Harvey Wilbur, provisions	4.00
Eloise Sheehy, clinic expenses	4.00
Esther Warner, provisions	78.00
Everett Palmer, provisions	15.00
Dr. D. W. Leonard, medical	5.16
Total	$511.98
Received from State	173.69
Total cost to town	$338.29

Old Age Assistance

Rockingham County, old age assistance	$386.42

Memorial Day

Exeter Brass Band	$50.00
D. H. Jones, speaker	10.00
Lizzie Elkins, flags	8.50
George P. Kimball & Sons, supplies	2.20
Total	$70.70

Care of Cemeteries

John P. Blake, caretaker	$99.50

Interest on Notes

Exeter Banking Co	$120.86
Interest on Bond Issue	37.50

State Aid Construction

Frank Austin, land damage	$25.00
State of New Hampshire	2,589.88

There still remains to be paid the sum of $50.00 to the heirs of the John Evans estate, pending a settlement of said estate.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Greenwood Road, Otis H. Eastman, Foreman

James Rosencrantz, tractor	$3.00
James Rosencrantz, truck	57.60
Ambrose Groetz, truck	19.20
Herbert Eastman, truck	9.60
Granville Gilmore, labor	25.50
Oscar Brown, labor	22.50
Frank Rosencrantz, labor	18.00
Otis Eastman, labor	29.25
Henry Brown, gravel	15.30
Total	$199.95

Blake Road, D. Hodgdon, Foreman

C. S. Card, truck	$32.40
A. C. Evans, truck	30.00
H. O. Evans, truck	30.00
W. Hilliard, labor	9.38
Herbert Ayers, labor	4.50
John Ayers, labor	9.38
Theodore Carter, labor	1.50
George Dennis, labor	9.38
Charles Beckman, labor	9.38
A. G. Anderson, labor	1.50
William Card, labor	12.38
G. Robinson, labor	1.50
Earl Rogers, labor	4.13
D. Hodgdon, labor	12.38
E. Mitchell, labor	9.38
B. Knights, labor	3.00
L. Strout, labor	2.63
A. George, labor	3.00
Myrtle Carter, gravel	13.20
Total	$199.02

Beckman Road, D. Hodgdon, Foreman

Walter Hilliard, labor	$9.94
Herbert Ayers, labor	9.94
John Ayers, labor	9.94
Theodore Carter, labor	9.94
George Dennis, labor	9.94
Charles Beckman, labor	7.50
A. Y. Anderson, labor	7.50

Wm. Card, labor	$7.50
G. Robinson, labor	6.94
Earle Rogers, labor	3.94
Ernest Mitchell, labor	4.50
Dave Hodgdon, labor	11.25
James Rosencrantz, truck	17.40
C. S. Card, truck	26.40
Arthur Evans, truck	24.00
H. O. Evans, truck	14.40
Arthur George, truck	2.25
Total	$183.28

Myrtle Carter, gravel $14.90, will appear in next years' Town Accounts.

W. P. A. Project

Kimball Hardware Co., dynamite	$12.35
Horace O. Evans, truck	46.40
Ambrose Groetz, truck	58.00
William P. Creighton, gravel	21.45
William Anderson, labor	6.40
James Rosencrantz, truck	45.24
C. Sumner Card, truck	45.24
Henry W. Brown, gravel	18.60
Ambrose Groetz, truck	30.00
Ambrose Groetz, truck	45.24
Horace O. Evans, truck	34.80
Herbert Eastman, truck	54.52
C. Sumner Card, truck	45.24
State Highway Department, tile	22.88
William Card, truck	49.30
Horace O. Evans, truck	26.68
Herbert Eastman, truck	42.34
James Rosencrantz, truck	45.24
Herbert Eastman, truck	22.40
Herbert Eastman, truck	45.24
Ambrose Groetz, truck	16.28
Ambrose Groetz, truck	37.12
James Rosencrantz, truck	26.04
Horace O. Evans, truck	4.00
C. Sumner Card, truck	16.16
Henry Brown, gravel	22.20
Herbert Eastman, truck	36.48
Exeter Lumber Co., supplies	9.35
Minnie Creighton, gravel	52.35
Total	$937.54

Melvin Armstrong, Highway Agent

Horace Evans, truck	$92.72
Herbert Eastman, truck	35.60
James Rosencrantz, truck	40.80
M. Armstrong, labor	60.04
M. Armstrong, gravel	17.10
L. Strout, labor	27.00
W. Hilliard, labor	19.13
H. Ayers, labor	6.00
O. Brown, labor	9.00
Howard Eastman, labor	6.40
Ambrose Groetz, truck	19.20
Henry Brown, gravel	7.95
Total	$340.94

Melvin G. Armstrong—Repairs on Kimball Road

By order of Selectmen

Horace Evans, truck	$10.00
James Rosencrantz, truck	10.00
Louis Strout, labor	3.00
Walter Hilliard, labor	3.00
Oscar Brown, labor	3.00
Melvin Armstrong, labor	4.00
Melvin Armstrong, gravel	3.30
	$36.30

Granville Gilmore, Highway Agent

Town Maintenance

Granville Gilmore, labor	$63.94
Otis Eastman, labor	45.00
Ambroze Groetz, truck	84.90
Alfred Groetz, labor	18.00
Alfred Jordan, labor	27.00
Herbert Eastman, truck	19.20
Oscar Brown, labor	6.00
James Rosencrantz, tractor	36.00
Howard Eastman, and road machine	19.20
Henry Brown, gravel	13.10
Total	$332.34

Granville Gilmore—Work on Dearborn Road

Granville Gilmore, labor	$3.00
Otis Eastman, labor	3.00
Total	$6.00

C. S. Card, Highway Agent

C. S. Card, truck and team	$92.16
W. F. Card, labor	20.07
C. Beckman, labor	20.07
A. C. Evans, truck and team	66.30
B. Knights, labor	19.69
J. Rosencrantz, truck	15.00
A. G. Anderson, labor	21.19
H. O. Evans, truck	1.20
D. F. Hodgen, labor	5.07
E. Mitchell, labor	17.07
W. Hilliard, labor	.38
J. Ayers, labor	.38
G. Dennis, labor	.38
E. Rogers, labor	.38
L. Strout, labor	.38
G. Robinson, labor	13.69
E. Morrill, labor	4.50
Mrs. Johnson, gravel	.80
Mrs. Carter, gravel	20.40
	$319.06

Town Maintenance

James Rosencrantz, on Blaney Road, by order of Selectmen	$7.50

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON ON JANUARY 31, 1938

Date of creation	Trust funds and purpose of creation	How invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on hand at beginning of year	Income during year	Exp'ded during year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1912	John F. Gill Cemetery Fund.....	Man. Sav. Bnk.	$100.00	3	$54.00	$4.65	$2.00	$56.65
1914	Hannah Moulton Library Fund...	Man. Sav. Bnk.	1000.00	4		45.98	45.98	
1916	Mary S. Blake Cemetery Fund...	Man. Sav. Bnk.	100.00	3	30.42	3.93	2.00	32.35
1918	Elizabeth H. Osgood Cem. Fund .	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	3	29.55	3.25	2.00	30.80
1922	James P. Bartlett Cemetery Fund	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	3	25.37	3.15	2.00	26.72
1923	George M. Gove, Cemetery Fund.	Man. Sav. Bnk.	150.00	3	56.92	6.24	2.00	61.16
1925	Ellen F. Bingham, Cem. Fund...	Man. Sav. Bnk.	100.00	3	12.77	3.39	2.00	14.16
1928	Clara A. Rhodes, Cemetery Fund	Man. Sav. Bnk.	100.00	3	11.88	3.37	2.00	13.25
1929	William A. Eaton, Cem. Fund...	Exeter Bnk. Co.	200.00	3	16.12	5.42	2.00	19.54
1931	Susan L. Webster, Cem. Fund...	Man. Sav. Bnk.	200.00	3	17.44	6.56	2.00	22.00
1932	Robert T. Brown, Cem. Fund....	Exeter Bnk. Co.	200.00	3	17.40	5.46	2.00	20.86
1935	Frank L. Wadleigh, Cem. Fund...	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	3	2.56	3.56	2.00	3.12
1937	Sarah A. Green Cemetery Fund..	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	3		2.08	2.00	.08

Librarian's Report

The circulation from February 1, 1937 to January 31, 1938 was as follows:

History	39
Poetry	39
Science	31
Biography	58
Travel	47
Juvenile fiction	247
Fiction	1,042
Total	1,503

This total is about the same as that last year, but there is a increase of non-fiction books taken out, due in part to the increasing number of high-school students who use the library.

As usual, the library has received several gifts of books. Besides Mrs. Crosby, who has often given us books, other benefactors have been Mrs. Marion Frame, and the Exeter Public Library. Miss Josephine Prescott again subscribed to the "American Forests" magazine for the Kensington library.

This year, instead of buying all the books at one time in the winter, they will be bought at various times during the year. The Moulton Fund money is, accordingly, being saved to buy books on two different occasions during the spring and summer months.

79 magazines were taken out during the year.

EDITH PRESCOTT,

Librarian.

List of New Books

Bought with State Aid Money

Valiant is the Word for Carrie ..... *Benefield*
Autobiography ..... *Cellini*
Plays ..... *Wilde*
Swallows and Amazons ..... *Ransome*
Drums Along the Mohawk ..... *Edmonds*
Count of Monte Cristo ..... *Dumas*

Clansmen.....*Boileau*
Gunnwolf and Other Tales.....*Harper*
New Hampshire Beautiful.....*Nutting*
Northwest Passage.....*Roberts*
Jane Eyre.....*Bronte*
Citadel.....*Cronin*
Arouse and Beware.....*Kantor*
Enemy Gods.....*La Farge*
Daughter of the Middle Border.....*Garland*
How to Win Friends and Influence People.....*Carnegie*
Chief Contemporary Dramatists.....
Deric in Mesa Verde.....*Nusbaum*
Flowering of New England.....*Brooks*
Book of Marvels.....*Halliburton*
Snipp, Snapp, Snurr, and the Over Shoes.....*Lindman*
Famous Jimmy.....*Blyton*
Azam.....*Cobb*
Boy's Book of Flying.....*Boff*

Gift of Authors or Publishers

Hoover Policies.....*Wilbur T. Hyde*
Blue Eagle from Egg to Earth.....*Johnson*

Bought with Fines

Layman's Handbook of Medicine.....*Cabot*

Gift of Mrs. Frame

Girl of O. K. Valley.....*Watson*
Law of the Gun.....*Cullum*
Bruce of the Circle A.....*Titus*
File No. 113.....*Galorian*
Riding Kid from Powder River.....*Knibbs*
Ridgway of Montana.....*Raine*
Short-stop.....*Grey*
Rider of Golden Bar.....*White*
Hermit.....*Munn*
East of the Setting Sun.....*McCutcheon*
Fighting Edge.....*Raine*
Yorkshire Moorland Murder.....*Fletcher*
Texan.....*Hendryx*
Francesca.....*Kingsley*
Brand Blotters.....*Raine*
Bar 20 Days.....*Mulford*
City of Numbered Days.....*Lynde*
Glengarry School-days.....*Connor*
William McKinley.....*McClure & Morris*

Gift of Exeter Library

Art of Cross Examination.....*Wellman*
Marching with Gomez.....*Flint*
World's Highway.....*Angell*
Works.....*Lamb*
Progress and Science.....*Shafer*
James Russell Lowell.....*Hale*
Pragmaticism.....*James*
South American Republics.....*Dawson*
Miss Mole.....*Young*
Rough Justice.....*Montague*
Memoirs of Napoleon.....*deBourrienn*
Botany.....*Gray*
Open Sesame!.....*Bellamy*
Progressive Baker.....*Gienandt*
Land of Heart's Desire.....*Yeats*
Victorian Peep-Show.....*Benson*
Familiar Spanish Travels.....*Howells*
Epitome of Modern History.....*Ploetz*
America in France.....*Palmer*
Poor People.....*Dostoyervsky*
Hounds of God.....*Sabatini*
From Sea to Sea.....*Kipling*
Sartor Resartus.....*Carlyle*
Sullivan Papers.....*Sullivan*
Critical Essays.....*Carlyle*
Life and Letters of Walter H. Page.....*Hendrick*
Cavour.....*Thayer*
All in It.....*Hay*
Out of their Own Mouths.....
Miscellanies.....*Emerson*
Representative Men.....*Emerson*
Oliver Goldsmith.....*Irving*
Folly of Nations.....*Palmer*

Gift of Mrs. Crosby

Jonathan's Daughter.....*Larrimore*
From this Day Forward.....*Ayres*
Three.....*Frankauv*
No Regrets.....*Shepard*
Happy Medium.....*Wheatley*
Bright Star.....*Schumann*
Breathless.....*Bartley*
White Ladies of Worcester.....*Barclay*
Tomorrow's Rapture.....*Lyons*
Cantley Mystery.....*Fielding*
House Next Door.....*Stevenson*

Splendid Outcast ..... *Savi*
American Family ..... *Baldwin*
Chinese Lovesong ..... *VanDyke*
Background to Primula ..... *Warwick*
Road to Marrakesh ..... *Goodchild*
Flame of Devotion ..... *Comstock*
Marriage Bargain ..... *Preston*
Romance of a Rogue ..... *Ayres*
Tiger Love ..... *Ball*
If the Sky Fall ..... *Partridge*
Buckskin Breeches ..... *Stong*
This Woman and This Man ..... *Burt*
This Isn't the End ..... *Widdemer*
Men are Strange Lovers ..... *Rowe*
Shackles of the Free ..... *Ashton*
Nice Long Evening ..... *Corbett*
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Love Barrier ..... *Eberhard*
Power ..... *Feuchtwanger*
High Courage ..... *Gregory*
House of Baltazar ..... *Locke*
Story of Nancy Meadows ..... *Hauck*
Eternal Tomorrow ..... *Bloom*
One Way Street ..... *McCord*
Mother Sea ..... *Riesenberg*
Clear the Trail ..... *Seltzer*
Murder in the Air ..... *Teilheit*
My Story that I Like Best ..... *Various Authors*
Master of Man ..... *Caine*
House of Wives ..... *Herbert*
Coast Road Murder ..... *Turnbull*
Prince of the Moon ..... *Hauck*
Deputy of San Riano ..... *Keating*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

Paid Librarian	$100.00
New Books	27.81
Renewal of magazines	16.10
Fuel	32.87
Library supplies and money orders	1.58
Cleaning library	10.00
Care of lawn	5.00
Electric lights	11.48
	$204.84

Balance brought forward from 1936	$8.47
Received from selectmen	200.00
	$208.47
Less expenses	204.84
	$3.63
Received Moulton Fund (reserved for books)	45.98
On Hand	$49.61

Kensington, N. H., February 24, 1938.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of George I. Armstrong, Otis H. Eastman and John W. York; Gertrude E. Evans, Town Treasurer; C. Sumner Card, Granville Gilmore and Melvin Armstrong, Road Agents; Horace O. Evans, Town Clerk; Edith Prescott, Library Trustee and George A. Prescott, Trustee of Public Funds; John R. Malloy, Tax Collector.

We found the above accounts correctly cast and properly vouched for and do hereby approve same.

HOWARD EASTMAN,
HOWARD A. BLAKE,

Auditors.

Annual Reports

OF

Officers of the School District

OF THE

Town of Kensington, N. H.

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1936 and Ending
June 30, 1937

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 12th day of March 1938, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see what action the district will take in regard to raising money for the painting of the East and West School Buildings.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Kensington this 21st day of February, 1938.

BEATRICE I. PALMER,
EDITH PRESCOTT,
LOUIS F. STROUT,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

BEATRICE I. PALMER,
EDITH PRESCOTT,
LOUIS F. STROUT,

School Board.

School Board's Estimate for 1938-1939

School District of Kensington

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

	Elementary Schools	
**Support of Schools*		
Teachers' Salaries	$2,500.00	
Text Books	75.00	
Scholars' Supplies	50.00	
Flags and Appurtenances	10.00	
Other Expenses of Instruction	15.00	
Janitor Service	111.00	
Fuel	180.00	
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	60.00	
Minor Repairs and Expenses	250.00	
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection)	100.00	
		$3,351.00
Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District)	$68.50	
Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District	6.00	
Payment of Tuition in High Schools and Academies (Estimated by Board)	2,688.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union)	78.00	
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treasurer)	1,162.00	
		$3,002.50
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		$6,353.50

*$3.50 per $1000 of taxable inventory is **minimum** required by law in addition to per capita tax and salaries of district officers.

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1938 (Estimate)	$100.00	
State Aid (December 1938 Allotment)	411.97	
Dog Tax (Estimate)	40.00	
		$551.97
†Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget		$5,801.53
Total Assessment Required to Cover Budget and Appropriations		$5,801.53

BEATRICE I. PALMER,
EDITH PRESCOTT,
LOUIS F. STROUT,

School Board.

Kensington, N. H., February 21, 1938.

†$5 per $1000 of equalized valuation must be raised for elementary schools to qualify for state aid. The net assessment must contain this amount in addition to funds raised for high school maintenance and other statutory requirements.

School Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1937

Balance from 1936	$26.92
Received from Selectmen	5,150.00
Received from State Treasurer	917.26
	$6,094.18

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	$2,350.00	
Tuitions	2,569.90	
Supervisory Union	73.80	
State Tax	172.00	
Text Books	74.04	
Scholars' supplies	55.13	
Minor repairs and expenses	146.73	
Janitor service	111.00	
Fuel—Pine wood	55.00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	47.18	
Medical examination	100.00	
New equipment	191.40	
Expense of instruction	9.98	
School census	6.00	
Expense of administration	50.76	
Officers' salaries	68.50	
		$6,081.42

RECAPITULATION

Teachers' Salaries

Beatrice Estes	$850.00	
Marie Johnson	750.00	
Hazel Webster	750.00	
		$2,350.00

Tuitions

Robinson Female Seminary	$646.00	
Amesbury High School	1,036.60	
Exeter High School	525.86	
Sanborn Seminary	289.44	
Belmont High School	72.00	
		$2,569.90

Supervisory Union		$73.80
State Tax		172.00

Text Books

World Book Co	$8.49	
Lyons & Carrahan	21.61	
The MacMillan Co	28.80	
Arlo Publishing Co	1.78	
Harry Houston	1.65	
Webster Publishing Co	1.15	
John C. Winston Co	5.27	
Little Brown & Co	3.51	
Rand, McNally & Co	1.78	
		$74.04

Scholars' Supplies

E. E. Babb Co	$10.68	
Wilbur D. Gilpatric	37.40	
Charles D. Batchelder	1.00	
West Disinfecting Co	4.58	
Milton Bradley Co	1.47	
		$55.13

Minor Repairs and Expenses

Louis Strout	$7.00	
W. A. Young	3.20	
Florence Strout	3.50	
Edward Morrill	1.50	
Grace Gilmore	15.00	
Howard Blake	5.00	
J. L. Hammett & Co	4.28	
George P. Kimball & Sons	40.34	
Thomson's Drug Store	2.41	
Exeter Awning Co	1.00	
Brainerd D. Fogg	63.50	
		$146.73

Janitor Service

Florence Strout	$37.00	
John Robinson, Jr	37.00	
Edward Morrill	37.00	
		$111.00

Fuel

Arthur C. Evans	$21.50	
Alfred Groetz	24.50	
D. Everett Palmer	9.00	
		$55.00

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies

E. E. Babb Co.	$16.51	
Sanitary Service Supply	3.13	
George P. Kimball & Son	2.20	
Edward Morrill	18.50	
Fort Hill Paper Co	2.84	
W. A. Young	4.00	
		$47.18

Medical Examination

Eloise Sheehy		$100.00

New Equipment

Frank G. Peavey		$191.40

Expense of Instruction

World Book Co	$8.49	
E. E. Babb Co.	1.49	
		$9.98

School Census

Louis Strout		$6.00

Expense of Administration

Fred A. Moore	$38.00	
American Book Co	1.66	
Marian Kimball	2.00	
Dorothy R. Card	1.40	
Baker Agency	5.00	
Dorothy B. Cook	1.60	
Beatrice I. Palmer	1.10	
		$50.76

Officers' Salaries

Louis Strout, (Chairman of School Bd.)	$20.00
Beatrice I. Palmer (Member of School Bd.)	15.00

Edith Prescott (Member School Bd.)....	$15.00	
Dorothy R. Card, (Treasurer).....	15.00	
Grace Gilmore (Clerk).....	2.00	
Howard Blake (Moderator).....	1.50	
		$68.50
Total Receipts.....		$6,094.18
Total Expenditures.....		6,081.42
Balance on hand.....		$12.76

Kensington, N. H., July 29, 1937.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the school treasurer, Dorothy B. Cook of Kensington and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for with a balance of $12.76 and do hereby approve the same.

MARION P. KIMBALL, *School Auditor.*

Financial Statement

From June 30, 1937 to February 21, 1938

Balance		$12.76
Received from Selectmen		3,501.00
Received from State Treasurer		577.04
		$4,090.80

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	$1,410.00	
Tuitions	1,501.42	
Supervisory Union	78.00	
State tax	168.00	
Text books	45.13	
Scholars' supplies	77.68	
Minor repairs and expenses	225.84	
Janitor service	69.00	
Fuel	100.00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	37.54	
Medical examination	40.00	
New equipment	102.75	
Expense of instruction	6.24	
School census	6.00	
Expense of administration	6.08	
Officers' salaries	68.50	
		$3,942.18

Teachers' Salaries

Beatrice Estes	$510.00	
Esther Hussey	450.00	
Rachel Swasey	450.00	
		$1,410.00

Tuitions

Robinson Female Seminary	$225.00	
Amesbury High School	788.42	
Exeter High School	240.00	
Sanborn Seminary	248.00	
		$1,501.42

Supervisory Union	$78.00
State Tax	168.00

Text Books

Houghton Mifflin Co.	$.75	
E. E. Babb & Co.	2.36	
Arlo Publishing Co	5.50	
American Book Co	4.70	
Lyons & Carnahan	5.51	
J. C. Winston Co.	5.53	
The MacMillan Co	20.78	
		$45.13

Scholars' Supplies

J. L. Hammett Co.	$27.07	
E. E. Babb & Co.	.96	
Batchelder's Book Store	1.00	
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	41.45	
Milton Bradley Co	7.20	
		$77.68

Minor Repairs and Expenses

Edward Morrill	$6.00	
Harold Dickinson	25.00	
Alfred Groetz	59.55	
Peter J. Moreau	23.25	
Florence Strout	15.00	
H. E. Dickinson	48.65	
E. E. Babb & Co.	9.85	
Thomas Irving	2.00	
George P. Kimball	5.71	
Grace Gilmore	21.60	
Russell Crowell	7.78	
W. A. Young	.45	
Edith Prescott	1.00	
		$225.84

Janitor Service

Florence Strout	$23.00	
John Robinson, Jr.	23.00	
Edward Morrill	23.00	
		$69.00

Fuel

Arthur C. Evans	$31.00	
D. Everett Palmer	18.00	
Alfred Groetz	14.00	
Sumner Card	37.00	
		$100.00

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies

Edward Morrill	$10.50	
West Disinfecting Co	5.31	
Sanitary Service Supply Co	6.25	
Masury Young Co	4.50	
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co	9.24	
George P. Kimball	1.25	
E. B. Warner	.49	
		$37.54

Medical Examination

Eloise Sheehy		$40.00

New Equipment

A. H. Rice	$2.75	
O. H. Cammett	100.00	
		$102.75

Other Expense of Instruction

World Book Co	$4.77	
University Publishing Co	1.47	
		$6.24

School Census

Beatrice I. Palmer		$6.00

Expense of Administration

Marion Kimball	$2.00	
Dorothy B. Cook	1.60	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co	2.48	
		$6.08

Officers' Salaries

Beatrice I. Palmer (Chairman of School Board)	$20.00	
Edith Prescott (Member of School Board)	15.00	
Louis Strout (Member of School Board)	15.00	
Dorothy B. Cook (Treasurer)	15.00	
Grace Gilmore (Clerk)	2.00	
Howard Blake (Moderator)	1.50	
		$68.50
Total Expenditures		$3,942.18

DOROTHY B. COOK, *Treasurer.*

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of Kensington, New Hampshire:

It gives me pleasure to submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools, the nineteenth in the series.

May I call your attention to Table I of the statistics, accompanying this report? This table shows the distribution, by grades, of all Kensington pupils for the school year which closed last June, and furnishes evidence, at least so far as numbers are concerned, that a reorganized plan for grade grouping is not impossible. If such a plan had been in effect during the last school year, the enrollment would have been divided somewhat as follows: Grades I and II with eighteen pupils in one building, Grades III, IV and V with twenty-nine pupils in another building, and Grades VI, VII and VIII with twenty-seven pupils in the third. Such a plan would not only relieve the teachers of caring for eight grades, but in addition to that, it would make it possible for each teacher to care for those grades which she could teach best—a very important consideration.

Of course it can easily be seen that with such an arrangement better results could be obtained. Hitherto, transportation has presented a very large obstacle to this plan, but now with hard-surfaced roads so numerous, that objection grows smaller. The cost of transportation is also a valid objection. It may be said in this connection, however, that in some neighboring districts, when a re-orranization of grades so as to make for better schools has been undertaken, it has been the custom of the State Board of Education to rate a considerable part of cost of transportation, together with salaries, fuel and other essentials, as an approved item for State Aid. If the total local enrollment of pupils should ever drop to a size where two schools only, instead of three, could be maintained, thus reducing the teaching staff by one, the local cost would be still further reduced. It seems to me that the plan is worth a thorough investigation.

In the hope of furnishing parents and tax payers very concrete information, I submit Table III, IV, V and VI. Interpreting the last named table, it should be noted that New Hampshire has two hundred and forty-one school districts of varying kinds and sizes. In Munroe, Number 1, the cost of education is the smallest in the state; in Alstead, Number 241, it is the largest. The districts with which Kensington is associated are listed in their statistical places between these two extremes. Tabel V is of interest because it shows where Kensington has stood with reference to the items of Table VI during the last ten years.

In September of the present year, Mrs. Beatrice Estes of the East School was the only teacher not new to Kensington and she had taught here only one year. As noted in Table I, last year she taught thirty-two pupils scattered through eight grades. As already reported to you, supervisory checks of various kinds show her success in an objective way; your own acquaintance with her and with her school furnish evidence that she administers a happy, prosperous school. Our other two teachers, Miss Esther Hussey at the North School, and Miss Rachel Swasey at the West School, were in September 1937 new not only to Kensington, but to the teaching profession as well. They have had unusually good success as beginners. They both possess the best of personal qualifications for good teachers and have been trained thoroughly in the theory and practice of teaching. Their training and their natural gifts are producing well disciplined, progressive schools. Two of Kensington's teachers are attending the extension course lectures in professional education given this year in Exeter by members of the faculty of Boston University. This course carries credits toward a higher degree. All this leads me to suggest that it seems very much worth while to retain capable teachers for a considerable period of time and also that larger salaries would be approved in awarding state aid to Kensington. To this end I advise a schedule, establishing a minimum salary, a reasonable increase for several years and a maximum.

In recent years in schools like ours, some state aid has been granted for the cost of instruction in vocal music and it may be that a plan can be evolved whereby our pupils may have such instruction at no very great expense to the district. Music is a considerable factor in many one room schools and I hope that Kensington pupils may sometime enjoy such instruction.

The report of the School Nurse follows my report. I commend it to your attention as showing Mrs. Sheehy's continued skilful interest in the schools which she serves. Of course, each year as her charges grow, she will find some new defects, but she is as zealous in finding ways to correct these defects as she is in discovering them. I feel that the important department of the health of the schools is in safe hands.

When outside paint has been applied to all the school buildings, they will be in excellent condition. The repairs and changes made on the interior of the West School last summer have been very beneficial to the pupil body of the school. A hardwood floor there would be a good investment and a new set of shades is much needed. The district has already voted to install electric lights in this school whenever the power line comes near enough. The efficiency of the other two schools has been greatly increased and the danger of damage to pupils' eyes lessened by the lights installed in these schools last summer.

Your interest in the schools, as expressed in many helpful ways, is much appreciation by all those who are in daily contact with the pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 16.

Exeter, New Hampshire, February 7, 1938.

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Board of Kensington, New Hampshire:

Following is my report of the health activities in Kensington schools from January 1st, 1937 to January 1st, 1938:

Number of physical examinations of pupils	64
Pupils found to have defective vision	3
Pupils found to have defective teeth	20
Pupils found to have defective tonsils	1
Pupils found to be underweight	18
Pupils unvaccinated	1
Pupils examined and treated at dental clinic	14
Pupils who have received dental certificate	16
Defective vision corrected	2
Number of children taken to Exeter to be examined by physician	1
Number of pupils taken to Exeter to be examined by an oculist	2
Number of pupils taken to tuberculosis clinic, Exeter	1
Number of pupils taken to tuberculosis clinic in Portsmouth	1
Number of pupils taken to be x-rayed in the Portsmouth Hospital	1
Number of pupils taken to Exeter Hospital for tonsillectomies	2

All children who carry their lunches may have hot lunches in school.

Total number of visits in the schools	23

I take this opportunity to thank our Superintendent, Mr. Towle, the School Board, the Teachers, Parent Teacher Association and the people of Kensington for their fine co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELOISE B. SHEEHY, *R.N.*,

February 4th, 1938.

TABLE I

Total enrollment, January 1, 1938

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot.
East School	5	1	6	5	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	32
North School	5	5	3	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
West School	0	0	1	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Amesbury High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	5	0	12
Exeter Elementary Schools	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Exeter High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	0	8
Robinson Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	8
Sanborn Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Totals	11	7	10	7	12	8	9	10	3	8	7	3	95

TABLE II

Statistics for School Year Ending June 30, 1937

School	Weeks in Year	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attendance	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Att.	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Supt.	Visits of Others
East	37	12	17	29	26.96	.77	27.73	97.22	11	29	76
North	37	12	6	18	15.61	1.21	16.82	92.81	48	38	69
West	37	9	8	17	13.88	1.36	15.24	91.08	90	23	42

TABLE III

Statistics for Ten Years Ending June 30, 1937

School Year	Weeks in Year	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits of Others	Average Salary
1927–1928	37	20	29	49	39	3	42	93	105	56	126	867.00
1928–1929	37	26	24	50	33	3	36	91	157	61	122	867.00
1929–1930	38	29	21	50	42	2	44	96	130	79	163	867.00
1930–1931	37	34	24	58	48	3	51	95	100	94	238	867.00
1931–1932	37	41	29	70	57	3	60	95	111	82	250	833.33
1932–1933	37	40	26	66	57	3	60	93	153	89	214	807.17
1933–1934	37	36	30	66	58	4	63	92	96	89	217	818.33
1934–1935	38	39	31	70	60	6	66	89	83	111	192	818.33
1935–1936	37	37	40	67	56	4	60	92	98	105	244	783.33
1936–1937	37	33	31	64	56	3	60	94	149	90	187	783.33

TABLE IV

Comparative Statistics in the Elementary Schools of Union No. 16

District	No. of Pupils	Weeks in Year	Days of No School	Days of School	Per pupil Cost	Ave. Salary of Teachers	Districts Share of Supt's. Salary	Per Capita Tax	Per cent. of Attendance	State Aid Received
Exeter.....	526	37	11	174	$69.03	$1,133.57	$1,587.75	$1,508	95	$0000.00
Greenland..	103	38	14	176	86.74	1,036.67	109.60	260	96	3,149.45
Kensington.	60	37	10	176	55.33	783.34	78.00	172	94	917.26
Newfields...	41	38	11	179	102.31	900.00	82.00	148	95	652.35
Stratham...	50	37	12	173	131.49	886.67	142.65	266	96	1,813.25

TABLE V

Cost of Education in Kensington per $1000 of Equalized Valuation, July 1, 1927—June 30, 1937. District No. 1 had Lowest Cost. District No. 241 had Highest Cost.

Kensington's Place in 238 Districts	Year	Local District Cost	State Aid	Total El. Cost	High School Cost	Other Current Costs	Total Current Cost	Equalized Valuation
209	1927–28	$6.38	$2.24	$8.62	$4.70	$1.16	$14.48	$382,242.00
195	1928–29	3.99	3.31	7.30	5.26	1.06	13.62	403,973.00
190	1929–30	4.95	2.77	7.72	4.72	1.13	13.57	403,973.00
163	1930–31	5.14	1.76	6.90	4.53	.80	12.23	474,633.00
186	1931–32	5.38	1.66	7.04	5.46	.81	13.31	474,633.00
185	1932–33	5.04	1.81	6.85	5.28	1.03	13.16	445,392.00
200	1933–34	5.01	1.83	6.84	5.74	.77	13.35	445,392.00
134	1934–35	5.09	2.00	7.09	3.91	.80	11.80	437,969.00
138	1935–36	4.65	2.15	6.80	4.33	.92	12.05	437,969.00
163	1936–37	6.76	1.78	8.54	4.28	.86	13.68	430,264.00

TABLE VI

Cost of Education in Union No. 16 Per $1,000 of Equalized Valuation, Compared with that in Monroe and Alstead (The Lowest and Highest in New Hampshire)

		District	Local District Cost	State Aid	Total El. Cost	High School Cost	Other Current Cost	Total Cost	Equalized Valuation
No.	1	Munroe....	$1.88	$0.00	$1.88	$0.40	$.08	$2.36	$9,100,447.00
"	19	Exeter.....	3.54	0.00	3.54	2.06	.57	6.17	8,757,494.00
"	140	Stratham...	7.61	1.27	8.88	2.86	.68	12.42	786,129.00
"	151	Newfields...	7.94	1.59	9.53	2.60	.83	12.96	452,071.00
"	163	Kensington.	6.76	1.78	8.54	4.28	.86	13.68	430,264.00
"	228	Greenland..	6.30	5.06	11.36	6.20	1.84	19.40	604,393.00
	241	Alstead....	10.05	4.43	14.48	12.31	2.45	29.24	848,167.00

TABLE VII

Attendance Honor Roll, 1936–1937

Group I

Perfect attendance for the full year, 37 weeks

Ellen Eastman
Richard Evans
Ruth Mitchell
Marjorie Palmer
Benjamin Smith
Virginia Smith

Group II

Perfect attendance for 29 weeks to 36 weeks

Albin Anderson
Pauline Anderson
Ellen Batchelder
Ralph Batchelder
Richard Batchelder
Doris Beckman
Kathleen Beckman
Doris Brewster
Charles Brown
Doris Brown
Edith Brown
Theodore Brown
Angelia Dunn
Shirley Dunn
Clayton Eastman
Barbara Evans
Charles Irving
Marjorie Jordan
Robert Jordan
Ernest Mitchell
Willis Plouffe
Edith Robinson
Marguerite Rogers
John Sargent
Robert Wadleigh
Richard Welsh

Group III

Perfect attendance for 19 weeks to 28 weeks

Carolyn Anderson
Leonard Anderson
William Anderson
Melvin Armstrong
Harold Bodwell
Joan Bodwell
Priscilla Bodwell
George Brewster
Elmer Dunn
Frederick Eastman
Margaret George
Daniel Glidden
Herbert Jordan
Paul Kimball
Helen Laconis
Mary Laconis
Caroline Mitchell
Alma Rogers
Earl Rogers
Arthur Russell
Arlene Sawyer
Clement Sawyer
Robert Sawyer
Kenneth Wilbur

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1937.

Date	Name of Child If Any	Sex	No. of Child	Living or Stillborn	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
March 9	Norma Ann Blaney	F	1	L	Norman W. Blaney	Pearl Tibbetts	Salem, Mass.	Newburyport, Mass.
19	Clark Turner Bodwell	M	6	S	Harold W. Bodwell	Dorothy Turner	Methuen, Mass.	Methuen, Mass.
20	Robert Smart Evans	M	6	L	Arthur C. Evans	Mildred Smart	Amesbury, Mass.	Exeter, N. H.
Nov. 24	Judith Ann Palmer	F	3	L	Daniel E. Palmer	Beatrice I. Evans	Kensington, N.H.	Amesbury, Mass.

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1937

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Yrs.	Color of Each	Condition	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
April 22	Portsmouth, N. H.	Granville O. Frost	23	W	1	Amesbury, Mass.	Elmer G. Frost Maude G. Taylor	James H. Brennan, Catholic Priest, Portsmouth, N. H.
		Helen T. Pickering	21	W	1	Lawrence, Mass.	Hiram L. Pickering Evelyn J. McKinze	
June 12	Kingston, N. H.	Leonard F. Grant	30	W	1	Dorchester, Mass.	Leonard V. Bourne Elizabeth M. Tilton	Arthur J. Snow, Minister, Kingston, N. H.
		Helen E. Wyeth	29	W	1	Braintree, Mass.	John H. Wyeth Mary F. McKennon	
Aug. 7	Kensington, N. H.	Paul Franklin Morgan	39	W	1	Westfield, Mass.	George F. Morgan Emma A. Allen	Alice B. Snow, Minister of the Gospel, Kingston, N. H.
		Sarah Eunice Isabel Evans	43	W	1	Kensington, N. H.	Moses W. Evans Eliza J. Gaddis	
Sept. 4	Kensington, N. H.	Harry L. Steeves	30	W	1	Somerville, Mass.	William H. Steeves Katherine E. Lavelle	Alice B. Snow, Minister of the Gospel, Kingston, N. H.
		Gertrude E. Evans	34	W	1	Kensington, N. H.	George A. Evans Clara J. Grenier	
18	Kingston, N. H.	Harry B. Greenwood	60	W	2	Bradford, Yorkshire, England	Grimshaw Greenwood Martha Middlemiss	Alice B. Snow, Minister of the Gospel, Kingston, N. H.
		Agnes E. Bristol	49	W	2	Providence, R. I.	Thomas Calahan Mary Emma Bowes	
Oct. 9	Kensington, N. H.	W. Edward Kincaid	26	W	1	Bar Harbor, Me.	Walter Lee Kincaid Bertha Louise Hodge	Arthur J. Snow, Minister, Kingston, N. H.
		Anna Lavinia Crowell	22	W	1	Exeter, N. H.	Arthur C. Crowell Helen A. Prescott	

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1937.

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Male or Female	Color	Single Married or Widowed	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Y	M	D						
Jan. 20	Ronald E. Lord	25	7	19	Kensington, N. H.	M	W	S	Ernest Lord	Margaret Morrison
Mar. 5	Margaret F. Malloy	84	11	3	England	F	W	W	Bernard J. Fox	Margaretta E. Fox
19	Clark Turner Bodwell	..	..	..	Exeter, N. H.	M	W	..	Harold Bodwell	Dorothy Turner
May 2	Nellie N. G. Foss	72	3	19	East Kingston	F	W	W	James M. Jackman	Edrian Flanders
6	Hattie B. Dow	72	1	1	Hampton Falls, N. H.	F	W	M	Johnathan Weare	Saphrome French
9	Ernest D. Lord	59	8	7	Lynn, Mass.	M	W	M	Dennison Lord	Elizabeth Lufkin
Oct. 21	Elizabeth J. Rogers	80	1	0	Salisbury, N. B.	F	W	W	Jeremiah Mills	Unknown
Nov. 2	Margaret Baker	66	3	28	Ireland	F	W	M	James Bell	Eliza Johnson

THE FOLLOWING BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL FROM OUT OF TOWN

					From					
Mar. 19	Rose Ann Hardy	41	11	5	Portsmouth					
May 17	Grace A. Fellows	61	5	16	Haverhill, Mass.					
June 19	Leon W. Dunton	19	3	8	Derry, N. H.					
July 8	Amos M. Evans	73	3	6	Portsmouth					
Oct. 8	Paul Halmi Eggert	50	6	19	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.					

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